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FOR THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, BC, RH, SA

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KHAMA

REF: SECTO 27211

1. TEXT TRANSMITTED REFTEL DELIVERED BY CHARGE' TO PRESIDENT KHAMA  
1000 SEPTEMBER 21.

2. PRESIDENT WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THE COMMUNICATION, AND SAID  
HE LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFEL  
NEXT WEEK.

3. ASKED IF HE HAD ANY SPECIFIC VIEW OR SUGGESTIONS TO COM-  
MUNICATE TO THE SECRETARY, PRESIDENT KHAMA REPLIED, "NO, NOT AT  
THIS TIME; IS SUPPORT ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS WAIT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS".

4. PRESIDENT REFERRED TO PRESS REPORTS THAT SECRETARY MIGHT  
GO TO KINSHASA, AND ASKED IF SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE RELATED TO  
THE ONGOING INITIATIVES OR WOULD DEAL WITH US/ZAIRE BILATERAL  
ISSUES ONLY. CHARGE, FINESSED THIS, SAYING HE HAD ONLY SEE  
EXCERPT OF THE SEPT. 17 PRESS CONFERENCE, AND WAS UNAWARE OF  
SECRETARY'S SPECIFIC PLANS. PRESIDENT NOTED WITH AMUSEMENT  
THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAD ORALLY PROMISED TO COME FOR BOTSWANA'S TENTH  
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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, AND THAT THE OPPOSITION HERE HAD  
EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO SUCH VISIT, CHARACTERIZING MOBUTU AS  
"CIA AGENT".

5. PRESIDENT ALSO WONDERED ALOUD WHETHER IF INDEED SMITH HAD  
BEEN WON OVER TO SUPPORT (OR AT LEAST ACCEPT) MAJORITY RULE, THEN  
WHAT MEANS HAD BEEN EMPLOYED TO PERSUADE, PRESSURE OR EVEN  
THREATEN HIM INTO THIS POSITION. HE SEEMED TO THINK THAT SOME  
AT LEAST IMPLIED THREAT MUST HAVE BEEN SUED ON SMITH AS HE DID  
NOT APPEAR TO BE A MAN EASILY PERSUADED BY OTHER MEANS. TURNING  
TO THE SUBJECT OF VORSTER'S APPARENT COOPERATION, HE ALSO POINTEDLY  
ASKED IF THE PRICE OF GOLD ON THE WORLD MARKET HAD INCREASED,  
AND MUSED THAT THE SAG MUST CERTAINLY BE AWARE OF USG'S POTENTIAL  
ABILITY TO DEPRESS GOLD PRICES AT LEAST TEMPORARILY BY SELLING OFF  
LARGE QUANTITIES OF ITS GOLD RESERVES. THE THOUGHT BEHIND HIS  
REMARKS WAS OBVIOUS.

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